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1. AT RECENT OAU CONFERENCE, IN MOGADISCIO, REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT (ELF) AND UNITED LIBERATION FRONT OF WESTERN SOMALIA (ULFWS) -- ALTHOUGH NEITHER IS RECOGNIZED BY OAU -- WERE GRANTED ACCESS TO "PEOPLES HALL" BY SOMALI AUTHORITIES. REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH ORGANIZATIONS, SEPARATELY AND OCCASIONALLY JOINTLY, WERE SEEN BY EMBOFF IN CORRIDORS DISTRIBUTING PROPAGANDA, LOBBYING DELEGATES, AND GIVING PRESS CONFERENCES. (COPIES OF SPECIAL HANDOUTS FOR OAU CONFERENCE BEING POUCHED AF/E). HOWEVER, TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE, NEITHER ORGANIZATION ADDRESSED FORMAL OAU MEETINGS, AND (CONTRARY TO REFTEL) NEITHER RECEIVED ANY FORMAL OAU BACKING. HOWEVER, IT REMAINS POSSIBLE THAT ONE OR BOTH WON SOME SUPPORT ON BILATERAL BASIS. ETHIOPIANS IN PARTICULAR WERE UPSET BY ELF AND ULFWS ACTIVITY IN "PEOPLES HALL" BUT DECIDED NOT TO MAKE MAJOR ISSUE OF THIS WITH SOMALIS.

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